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**Inclusion of chemicals in Annex III to the Rotterdam Convention:
consideration of the draft decision document for aldicarb**

Aldicarb: additional information

Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to provide, in the annex to the present note, additional information provided through the Executive Secretary of the Pesticides Control Authority of Jamaica related to its final regulatory action on aldicarb.

* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.5/1.

Annex

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have noted a recently issued Prior Informed Consent (PIC) notice by the United Nation's Chemical Review Committee concerning the prohibition on the use of *Aldicarb* in Jamaica.

For the record I wish to state that as a former Director of Pharmaceutical Services in the Ministry of Health I had responsibility for the regulation of pesticides under the Pesticides Act of 1975.

In 1988 during my tenure as Director of Pharmaceutical Services, permission was granted to one importer for the registration and importation of *Aldicarb* formulations under severely restricted conditions.

Registration was granted only after careful consideration and discussions with the importer and specific potential users to ensure that the restrictions would be observed.

Two formulations of *Aldicarb* were imported and their use was restricted to a few specific large commercial tree crops, citrus trees and ornamentals farm.

The registrant was instructed to have in place certain safety and security measures to avoid any unwanted exposure or unauthorized use of the products. Those restrictions include application of the products to specific crops and approved farms only, application of the products by trained personnel only, identifying medical officers to deal with any accidents and making available and easily accessible the antidote *Atropine* in the event of any emergency.

It is therefore inaccurate to state that there was no programme in place to manage the distribution of the product or that it was available to all farmers.

As far as I am aware no incident of poisoning or intoxication with *Aldicarb* based products has ever occurred in Jamaica.



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